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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Comments regarding Telecommunications
Problems being considered by the President's
Communications Policy Board

1. The attached comments were prepared in response to a request from the President's Communications Policy Board and are restricted to the broad aspects of the three basic problems involved. It should be noted that each of the three is controversial in nature:

a. Establishment of a Communications Policy Board - The proposal to provide a means for overall direction in the telecommunications field is not new. This requirement has been particularly evident since World War II. Attempts within the Government to establish methods and procedures for accomplishing this objective have resulted in a stalemate, chiefly due to unreconcilable differences of opinion as to the responsibilities of existing agencies concerned in this field.

b. Merger of Commercial Overseas Communications Companies - The subject of merger has been considered by both the executive and legislative branches of the Government. While there is general agreement by both Government and non-Government agencies on the principle involved, there is wide disagreement as to the extent of the merger to be effected--whether complete or partial, permissive or mandatory.

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2. The problem of frequency assignments and subsequent administration has not been touched upon herein since it is believed to be a part of the broader problems mentioned, particularly that of establishing a Communications Policy Board.


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ROBERT A. SCHOW
Assistant Director
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TO : Chief, Operations Branch
Chief, Security Branch


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FROM : Chief, Communications Division

SUBJECT: Preparation of paper for the President's Communications
Policy Board (NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY BOARD)

1. The DCI has agreed to present to the President's Communications Policy Board prior to 15 December 1950 a paper which will express the Agency's view points on subjects connected with the national communications policy.

2. A committee composed of the Chiefs of the Operations and Security Branches of the Communications Division is hereby established for the purpose of preparing this paper.

 is hereby appointed Secretary of this committee.

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3. A proposed draft of the subject paper should be ready for presentation to the Chief, Communications on Tuesday, 14 November 1950, at 3:00 p.m.

4. Committee members are authorized to call upon members of the Communications Division as necessary to assist them. Information relative to the President's Communications Policy Board may be obtained in the office of the Chief, Communications.

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